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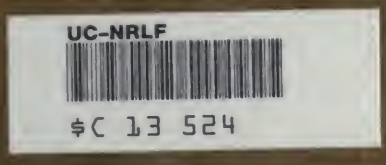

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Cometh al this newe corn fro yeer to yere
And out of olde bokes in good feith
Cometh al this newe science that men lere

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Perhaps from out the thousands passing by—
The City's hopeless lotos-eaters these,
Blown by the four winds of the seven seas
From common want to common company—
Perhaps someone may lift a heavy eye
And see, dream-blown across his memories,
Those golden pennons bellying in the breeze
And spread for ports where fair adventures lie.

And O! that such a one may stay a space
And taste of sympathy, till to his ears
Might come the tale of him who knew the grace
To suffer sweetly through the bitter years;
To catch the smile concealed in Fortune's face
And draw contentment from a cup of tears!

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